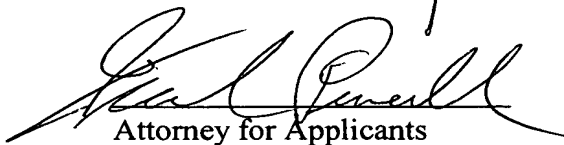


The Brugada reference fails to teach or suggest micro-discreet images of the size to which the present invention for reasons previously set forth in Applicants' previous response. Nor does it teach or suggest the use of near field optics.

The newly cited reference of Guerra et al. simply discloses the use of near field optics for data storage and retrieval. The data storage and retrieval of Guerra et al. is not directed to providing a continuous tone image on a photosensitive media. What is taught by Guerra et al. is simply the providing of data which typically takes the form of optical data which are super resolution spots. See column 5, lines 13-21 and column 8, lines 46-47. There is no teaching or suggestion for providing a continuous tone image. Since the Guerra et al. reference is directed to simply providing data for storage and retrieval, there would be no motivation or suggestion to combine the Guerra et al. reference with Brugada reference. The Brugada reference is directed to imprinting information with security micropattern whereas the Guerra et al. is directed to the storing and retrieval of data. Further, even if they were combined together, there wouldn't be any teaching or suggestion for providing the continuous tone images as taught and claimed by applicants. Thus, in view of the foregoing applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not teach or suggest the invention as currently set forth.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully requests allowance of the subject application.

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